

LABORATORY ASSIGNMENTS-002

UNIX System Programming (CSE 3041)

Working with Unix filters: grep, egrep, fgrep, head, tail etc.

Uses of `grep` and `egrep` regular expression for pattern searching.

Practice Assignment/ Minor Assignment::

The syntax of `grep` is `$ grep option pattern filename(s)`, searches the named files or the standard input and prints each line contains an instance of the **pattern**. Students are required to try various options such as `-n`, `-v`, `-i`, and `-y` etc. of `grep` from the **man** page.

1. A sample file is given below to demonstrate the uses of regular expression (basic regular expression and extended regular expression) metacharacters to search the pattern from the file using the **grep** family commands. The content of the given file can be updated as per the requirement, if any.

```
Hello World
hello World
Hello Again
I like typing this.
This is fun.
Yay! Printing.
I'd much rather you 'not'.
I "said" do not touch this.
afile is for grep demonstrations
bfile for sample creation
cfile for lab programs
a|bfile
(a|b)file
12
34
56
7855
12.34
0.34
1234.56788
*
* *
* * *
pattanayak
pattanaik
patanayak
parhi
padhi
padhy
parhy
pardhee
patnayak
patnaik
```

```
patttanayak
pattannayak
patttanaik
7000
8000
7867
7123
3456
768
```

Answer the followings using **grep**, and **egrep** commands:

- (a) Print the lines containing the pattern afile, bfile, and cfile.
 - (b) Display the pattern a|bfile in the file.
 - (c) Display the pattern (a|b)file.
 - (d) Display all integer numbers.
 - (e) Display all fractional number.
 - (f) Print the lines containing pattanayak.
 - (g) Print the lines containing pattanayak, pattanaik, patanayak, patnayak, and patnaik.
 - (h) Print all non-alphabetic lines from the file.
 - (i) Print all lines beginning with 7.
 - (j) Print all lines ending with k.
 - (k) Add a few blank lines to the end of the file. Display all the blank lines.
 - (l) Display lines beginning with a vowel.
2. Find the lines from the given file beginning with any number of non-colons and containing a double column.

```
Iter is a good college
:::
::
::::::::::::
set is final
college
law
lawyer
lillyyypp
l l l
ababababab
aaabbbbbbb
aab
abab
today
Tomorrow
abdest
aaaabbb
aaaabbba
```

```
befist
a
aa
aaaaaaaa
bc::cde
::grep fasmilies
:with regular expression grep is a simple programming language
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```

3. Find the lines from the above file containing 2 instances of **a**.
4. Find the lines from the above file containing 2 – 4 instances of **a**.
5. Let us assume you have a dictionary intended for checking spelling. Write a pattern using regular expression to find words that contain all five vowels in alphabetical order. **Hint:** Your system may have a dictionary of words in `/usr/share/dict/words` directory. Run the command `$ cat /usr/share/dict/words` to display and get the words. You are required to not create any separate file to store those words. Directly run **grep** command over that directory to get the desired words in alphabetic order.
6. Find the number of words beginning with letter **a** from the dictionary.
7. Find the words beginning with **a** and ended with **e**.
8. List the words that have letters in alphabetical order of length 5 or more.
9. Regular expression given as `[ar][ra]s?`. Write down the possible patterns.
10. Two patterns are given as **aggarwal**, and **Agarwal**. Construct a single regular expression for them.